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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
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Post Office Box 44275
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Q Zone, Reservoir A, LAKE FORTUNA FIELD, St.
Bernard Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

O'MEARA, INC. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Q Zone, Reservoir A, in the Lake Fortuna Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Q Zone, Reservoir A, such unit being shown on the attached plat and being designated Q RA SUB.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed additional unit in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate a unit well and unit operator for Q RA SUB as may be appropriate.
4. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 514-A, effective March 5, 2002, to the proposed additional unit.
5. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Q Zone, Reservoir A, in the Lake Fortuna Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 514-A, effective March 5, 2002.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 4520 Jamestown Avenue, Suite 6, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808. Any person

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wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 929-6097 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

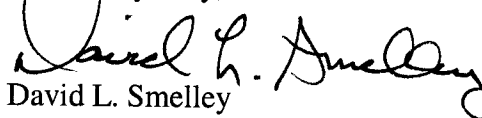
By letter dated July 12, 2002, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and a pre-application conference with respect to Applicant's proposals was tentatively scheduled for August 1, 2002. No request for the pre-application conference was received; therefore, no conference was held.

Attached hereto is a plat outlining Applicant's proposed unit, which plat is identical to the plat attached to the pre-application notice. Also attached hereto is a list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list is being forwarded only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. A copy of the list will be furnished by the undersigned to any party so requesting. A reasonable effort was made to obtain a complete list of Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Lake Fortuna Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose our check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

Yours very truly,



David L. Smelley
Attorney for O'Meara, Inc.

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

